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IN VIEW OF BOKASSA'S ATTITUDES EXPRESSED TO GOLDSMITH ABOUT EMBASSY AND PEACE CORPS IT IS OBVIOUSLY DESIRABLE THAT PRESS COMMENTARY BE AVOIDED. WE HAD ASSUMED THAT EITHER RANDAL OR GOLDSMITH WOULD BREAK STORY AND THAT PUBLIC USG POSTURE WOULD BE NECESSARY ALMOST AT ONCE. HOWEVER IN VIEW OF GOLDSMITH'S AWARENESS OF INTRICACIES OF LOCAL SITUATION PERHAPS PUBLICITY CAN BE MITIGATED OR DELAYED IF NOT ALTOGETHER AVOIDED. CERTAINLY IN BOKASSA'S PRESENT MOOD IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO AVOID PROVOKING HIM INTO SOME IRRATIONAL OUTBURST AGAINST US, IF THIS IS POSSIBLE (AND WE RECOGNIZE IT MAY NOT BE).

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